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Mississippians take foreign board posts

Two Jackson pastors and their wives, plus a number of Mississippi natives were among 81 persons appointed to foreign mission service May 24 by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

William and Susan Vail will serve in Peru where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. He is pastor of McDowell Road Church, Jackson.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He has served as pastor of Mount Pisgah Church, Eupora; and Pine Grove Church, Picayune.

Susan Weaver Vail attended Mississippi College and has been a Jackson salesclerk and was secretary at Pine Grove Church, Picayune.

The Vails have two children: Robert Austin, born in 1977; and Melissa Leigh, 19.

Randel and Sheila Trull will work in Colombia where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. He is pastor of Briarwood Drive Church, Jackson.

He is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College and Southwestern Sem-

nary. He has served various church staff positions in the Texas cities of Atlanta, Omaha, Douglassville, Burleson, and Fort Worth. And he was associate pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City.

Sheila Gonzales Trull is a Shreveport native and a graduate of East Texas Baptist College. She is a former teacher.

The Trulls have two children: Jonathan David, born in 1975; and Joy Elise, 1977.

Don and Anne Dent will serve in Singapore where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a home and church worker. He is associate director of religious activities at Mississippi College.

Dent is a Jackson native, a graduate of Mississippi College and of Golden Gate Seminary. He has served as a summer missionary in Oklahoma, Mississippi, and Malaysia; minister of youth at Ridgecrest Church, Jackson; FMB special project minister at International Baptist Church, Singapore; and pastor intern at Tiburon (Calif.) Baptist Church.

Anne Jones Dent is a native of Brookhaven, a graduate of Mississippi College, was assistant BSU director at MC; was a BSU summer missionary in Kenya, and served with her husband in Singapore.

The Dents have one child, Chesed Anne, born in 1983.

Ron and Janice Langston will work in Zimbabwe where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. He is pastor of Bowman Church, Lake City, Ark.

A graduate of Park College in Parkville, Mo., and of New Orleans Seminary, Langston is a former Mississippi summer missionary serving in Pike and Franklin Counties; he was pastor of Hopewell Church, Bude; and was associate pastor of Central Church, McComb.

The Langstons have two children: Aaron Leil, born in 1974; and James Micah, 1977.

Donald and Teresa Downey will serve in the Niger Republic where he will be an agricultural evangelist and she will be a home and church worker. He is attending Southwestern.

He was born and reared in Jackson and is a graduate of Hinds and Mississippi State. He has been a technician for AT&T in Jackson and was a farm manager in Big Creek, Miss.

She is a graduate of Mississippi State.

They have two children: Stacey Anne, born in 1974; and Matthew Lance, 1976.

William and Josephine Brown will work in Togo where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. He is pastor of Maplesville Church, in Alabama.

Born and reared in Grenada, Miss., he is a graduate of Clarke College, (Continued on page 3)

Senate panel approves tuition tax credit bill

By Larry Chesser
WASHINGTON (BP)—A divided Senate Finance Committee has approved President Reagan's tuition tax credit proposal but senators on both sides of the controversial measure agree it will face a much stiffer challenge of the Senate floor.

"It will take only 11 votes to get this out of committee," Sen. David L. Boren, D-Okla., reminded panel chairman Robert J. Dole, R-Kan., just before the final vote. "But it will take 60 votes to get it out of the Senate." Boren quickly added, promising a filibuster if the bill is brought up on the Senate floor.

On an 11-7 vote the committee approved essentially the same bill it passed late in the last Congress which was never considered by the full Senate. When fully phased in over three years, S. 528 would provide parents tax credits of up to \$300 for each child in private elementary and secondary schools. The maximum family income to qualify for the full credit would be \$40,000, with partial credits available until a family's income reached \$50,000.

Instead of attaching the tax credit bill to must-pass legislation such as the debt ceiling bill being handled by the committee, the panel passed S. 528 as an individual bill. That was considered by opponents as a "victory of sorts," according to an aide to Boren who said the Oklahoma senator "got a what he feels is a very firm commitment from

Dole to send the bill to the floor as a free-standing bill."

The bill's single requirement on participating private schools is a ban on race discrimination. The committee turned down a Boren amendment to strengthen the enforcement provisions by eliminating the need for the Attorney General to demonstrate in court that a challenged school "intended" to discriminate by substituting a "results" standard for the bill's "intent" test.

Administration officials estimate the program's peak cost will be less than \$800 million annually, a figure questioned by several panel members.

(Chesser writes for the Baptist Joint Committee.)

Court denies appeal of Paynes' decision

By Al Shackelford
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—The Tennessee Court of Appeals has unanimously affirmed an August 1982, ruling by Chancery Court that the property of Bethel Baptist Church, Estill Springs, should revert to the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Executive Board.

The three-judge Court of Appeals, Middle Tennessee Section, issued its unanimous opinion May 18, based on a hearing held April 4 in Nashville.

In August 1982, the Chancery Court ruled Bethel Baptist Church (formerly Paynes Baptist Church) had violated a "breach of trust" of being a cooperating Baptist church under the reversionary clause in the property deed. The trial was held July 29-30, 1981.

The deed requires the church "to adhere to, maintain, and propagate the doctrines, faith and practices of Missionary Baptist churches (and) to cooperate with the local Baptist Association, Tennessee Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention. If the church ceased to fulfill this condition, the property would revert to the TBC Executive Board "to be used for church and mission purposes."

At the April 4 hearing, Gary Gober, attorney for Bethel Baptist Church, based the appeal to overturn the chancery court decision on two arguments: that the plaintiffs (minority members and the TBC Executive Board) had failed to prove Bethel Baptist Church was not a cooperating missionary Baptist church, and that reverted

clauses are unenforceable because of their uncertainty, unreasonableness, and repugnancy to the nature of an autonomous Baptist church.

"In our view the evidence is overwhelming that the existing congregation of what is now called Bethel Baptist Church went to great lengths so as to avoid cooperation with the structured Baptist organizations from which it was incarnated," the appellate judges wrote. "In fact, the record does not even reveal a future willingness to cooperate. Accordingly, we readily concur with the chancellor's finding of lack of cooperation."

"In our view the disputed language is neither vague nor ambiguous. As long as there are sufficient ascertainable standards by which a court can interpret the intent of a trust, it will be enforced."

"We wholeheartedly agree with the defendants' statement (Bethel Baptist Church) that they may 'choose' to cooperate with other churches or associations but (that they) cannot be compelled to do so. However, should the defendants choose not to cooperate, and the record is clear that they have so chosen, they may not obtain benefit from the assets of charitable trust specifically designed to benefit a 'cooperating' church."

"Simply put, defendants may be as uncooperative as they wish, but must do so from a different location in light of the express terms of the original conveyance herein."

In reviewing the 1981 trial, the Court of Appeals found no attempt to interpret religious doctrine in this case.

In its concluding statement, the judges said, "The proof is that it (Bethel Baptist Church) simply has not cooperated in accordance with the trust. . . . Therefore as a matter of property law—not ecclesiastical or church doctrinal law—ownership must revert."

Bethel Baptist Church has 30 days to request permission from the Tennessee Supreme Court to appeal the decision of the Court of Appeals.

(Shackelford reflects The Tennessee Baptist and Editor.)

Taylor receives national award

David Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor, Pascagoula, has earned recognition for the Ambassador Service National Award in Royal Ambassadors. This is the highest honor given to teenage boys in Southern Baptist missions organizations.

David received the award for completing 750 hours of service in his local church. The award is given as part of the Royal Ambassador Advancement plan.

An Ambassador Service Award is given for each 150 hours of service a boy completes at his church. The national award is given to a boy who receives five service awards.

David is a member of Arlington Heights Baptist Church of Pascagoula, where his father is pastor.

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IRS delays ruling on clergy housing tax

By Larry Chesser

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Internal Revenue Service has delayed the June 30 effective date of its ruling eliminating the double tax benefit for ministers buying their own houses.

May 31 the IRS put off until Jan. 1, 1985, implementation of Revenue Ruling 83-3 which disallows ministers a federal income tax deduction for any portion of mortgage interest or real estate taxes for which they received a tax-exempt housing allowance.

A delay date until 1988 had been urged by Southern Baptist Annuity Board President Darold H. Morgan in a letter to IRS commissioner Roscoe L. Egger Jr. and by representatives of

several religious groups during a recent meeting with Treasury Department officials.

The new effective date applies only to ministers who owned and occupied or had a contract to purchase a house before Jan. 3, 1983, the date IRS announced the revenue ruling. Ministers who purchased or purchase residences after Jan. 3, 1983, will remain subject to the original June 30 effective date.

The 1983 revenue ruling revoked a 1962 ruling which specifically allowed ministers to deduct mortgage interest and property taxes even though they received a tax-exempt housing allowance. IRS said reversal of the 1962 position was part of an effort to apply consistently the tax code's provision

disallowing double tax breaks.

Meanwhile, legislation H.R. 1905 introduced in the House to exempt ministers from the revenue ruling has 75 cosponsors from both parties, but apparently faces an uphill battle in winning approval from the Ways and Means Committee.

In addition to the double housing benefit for ministers, the 1983 ruling also eliminated double breaks for veterans and scholarship students. In a letter to House colleagues, Parris warned if IRS "is successful in taking this benefit from clergy, military personnel may find themselves subject of a similar ruling in the near future."

(Chesser writes for the Baptist Joint Committee.)

Children's Village given child care accreditation

The Mississippi Baptist Children's Village, the child care agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, has been awarded full accreditation with commendations by the National Association of Homes for Children, according to an announcement by Paul Nunnery, executive director of the Children's Village.

The National Association of Homes for Children is an organization which represents some 500 voluntary, not-for-profit agencies in the United States which provide residential group care for homeless, neglected, dependent, and troubled children, according to the organization's statement.

The announcement of the accredita-

tion was made to the trustees of the Children's Village during their meeting Tuesday. Lyle V. Corey, a Meridian attorney and president of the Children's Village trustees, acknowledged the accreditation. He commended each unit of the Village facility for "dedication and commitment in service to children and their families consistent with Christian practice and principle and in keeping with the finest ethics and standards."

In commentary accompanying the accreditation certificate, the chairman of the commission on accreditation stated, "I am sure you are aware that the Baptist Children's Village is the first child and family care agency in the Deep South to meet these stan-

dards. The commission and every person present when your application and review was considered in Washington, D. C., on May 3 was tremendously impressed with what you, your board, and your staff had accomplished in a relatively short time to meet the stringent standards established by the National Association of Homes for Children for group child care agencies nationwide. As you know, these standards are at present recognized as the highest in the nation in our field."

At a May 3 meeting of the board of directors of the accrediting agency in Washington it was explained that accreditation involves a six-month self-study by the agency seeking accreditation, and this is followed by selected child care professionals from other areas. This peer review team inspects and evaluates the local agency and submits a written report.

Nunnery said the accreditation represented "one of the highest compliments and most satisfying experiences" of his 23-year service with the agency.

The Baptist Children's Village operates its central residential facility on The India Nunnery Campus near Jackson; the Farrow Manor Campus, in rural Tate County near Independence; a Group Home in the city of New Albany; and a campus at Dickerson Place near Brookhaven.

Scheduled for occupancy in early June is DEANASH, another Village Group Home near Bond, in Stone County on the former residence estate of Mrs. Patricia Nash Dean and her husband, J. H. "Dizzy" Dean, now both deceased.

Another Village Group Home is presently under construction in Yalobusha County, near Water Valley, as a gift from Yalobusha County Baptists, led by First Baptist Church of Water Valley.

The Children's Village is a purely private, voluntary, not-for-profit agency, dependent solely for its operating and capital needs upon the voluntary gifts and contributions of Mississippi Baptist churches and individual friends of children.



Gulfshore Single Adult Retreat

Singer-pianist Faye Burgess plays to an enthusiastic crowd at Gulfshore's Single Adult Retreat recently. Speakers for the retreat sponsored by the Christian Action Commission, included Charles Baker, pastor of University Heights Church, Stillwater, Okla.; Ken Brumley, single adults minister for Vil-

lage Church, Oklahoma City; and Dan Crawford, national consultant for evangelism with singles for the Home Mission Board. More than 200 singles attended the retreat. (Tim Nicholas photo).

Editorials

by don mcgregor

The Bob Jones decision

I would not object with such manifestation of rage as Bob Jones III did in learning of the Supreme Court decision that was contrary to his hopes for Bob Jones University, but I would agree with him that the court erred in its decision.

According to news reports, the court ruled that "an institution seeking tax-exempt status must serve a public purpose and not be contrary to established public policy."

Bob Jones University and Goldsboro Christian Schools were denied tax exemptions because their policies have been judged as discriminatory against blacks.

That could be true in the case of Goldsboro Christian Schools because black students are not allowed to attend, according to the news stories. If this is true, and it must be so, then the schools should drop the word "Christian" from their name.

Blacks are allowed to attend Bob

Jones University, however, and the report is that they do. The problem that the court sees is that the school does not allow interracial dating.

Perhaps it is a fine line, but I believe that the court stepped over it in this decision. And if it will step over such a line in this case, in what other areas will it feel bold enough to tamper with the individual concepts of American people; and how many of those concepts will be related to religious beliefs?

To say that students of any second race cannot attend a school is discriminatory. A private school may feel it has that right, and it does. It does not have the right, however, to be a drain on the public treasury of all races by being allowed a tax exemption if it practices such discrimination. But to rule that students of different races must be free to date each other in order to maintain a tax exemption is stepping into an area where the court has

no business treading.

This is not an argument for interracial dating. That is not any of our business. Neither is it the court's. It is an individual matter. And while Bob Jones University has made it a matter of school policy, those who do not agree that it should be surely will go somewhere else to school.

Again, it might be far-fetched, but it would seem possible that the court might decide on the same basis that a Baptist church cannot divide its third-grade Sunday School classes by gender. That is "contrary to established public policy." In the public school the third graders attend class without regard to gender.

It is hard to imagine that the court based its concept on the U.S. Constitution as far as Bob Jones University is concerned. It does not seem feasible that the Constitution framers had intended to address themselves to dating at all. And yet a law that is not based at

least to some degree on the Constitution would have to be declared an unconstitutional law.

Who am I to say, but I cannot help but feel that the court strayed from its path on this one. That is a different matter from making an error in judgment while staying within the bounds of its intention, as it seemed to do in the case of the decision concerning a high school in Lubbock, Texas. This was a decision which stopped students from gathering voluntarily on the school grounds before school for prayer meetings that had no administration sponsorship whatever.

We live in a complex world, and everyone seems to be out to further his own individual viewpoints and concepts, regardless of the consequences.

The Supreme Court, however, needs to be helping to maintain order rather than adding to the confusion. I hope that some way is found to temper these two rulings in order to find a path more attuned to reasonableness.

MISSIONS AWARENESS IS A MATTER OF RECORD!



Faces And Places

By Anne Williams McWilliams

Elond Autry

Back in the old days, when folks walked to Pine Grove Baptist Church in Benton County, 18 walked one Sunday morning the 2½ miles home to lunch with Cassie and Elond Autry. That afternoon it rained so much that the Tippah River down the hill flooded and made the road impassable. All 18 spent the night. Next morning the Autrys set before them a big breakfast of fried ham and eggs and hot biscuits.

"Every song in the book." That's how many Elond has sung at Pine Grove—and every one more than once. Early this year, illness caused him to retire at 82 from his post at Pine Grove. He'd been leading their singing for 35 years, or more, straight along—and did several shorter stints before that. During 33 of these 35 years, his late brother, Ewart, was Pine Grove pastor. And their father, Arthur Autry, who was Pine Grove pastor from 1904 until 1919, baptized a 10-year-old Elond into its membership.

In 1920, when he was 19, Elond led the singing for revivals at Pine Grove and five other churches, and has led singing for one or more revivals every summer since. Besides that, he taught in singing schools ("the lines and spaces kind") and was for a long time president of the General Singing Convention (its territory was bounded by four railroads—Frisco, Illinois Central, L & N, and G, M & O.).

In 1975, Better Homes and Gardens sent photographers and writers to Mississippi to do a double-page, full color spread on Pine Grove's all-day singing and dinner on the ground, for a summer issue. "Uncle Elond's Pineapple Cake" won him \$50 in a cooking contest, plus a spot in the magazine. (His nephew, James A. Autry, was editor then of Better Homes and Gardens, is now general manager of the Meredith Magazines publishing group.)

Across the highway from Blue Mountain College is a hill even higher than the one the college is spread alongside. Up there, only a marker remains of the Mississippi Heights Academy, where 4,000 young men studied between 1904 and 1943. On it are some quotes from J. E. Brown, who started the school: "What a boy needs most in life is someone to make him do his best"; "You may not find what you are looking for, but you will never find anything unless you are looking for something."

Elond, born June 2, 1901, one of seven children, enrolled at the Heights after he finished Ashland High School. On weekends, he and his brother,



Ewart, would walk the eight miles over the hills and through the woods to home, down in a hollow, on the brink of a bluff, between Ashland and Hickory Flat.

He taught school 24 years in Tippah, Benton, and Union counties. While teaching at Hickory Flat, he fell in love with one of his pupils, Cassie Wilder, and married her. They built a house with their own hands, not far from his birthplace. Now 61 years, three children, seven grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren later, they still live in that house, under giant sugar maple trees, in the Holly Springs National Forest, a mile or so from the site where he was born. That's where I met them. His son, Douglas, superintendent of education for Benton County, lives on the old homestead. His and Cassie's other children live in Ashland and Birmingham. Neil Gant is his pastor now.

School children and their parents owe him a debt, for it was while Elond was in the state legislature in the 30's and 40's that the free textbook bill was passed, he recalls. (1936-40, he was in the House from Tippah and Benton; '40-'44, he was senator for Benton and Tate; '44-'48, he was back in the House.) "The homestead exemption was increased then, too."

He raised hogs for a while—hence that ham for breakfast. And he's spent a lot of time hunting—fox and deer, etc. The biggest fish he ever caught was a 33-lb. cat. "I grabbed it between my legs," he claims, "in the Tippah Canal."

At the same time he was leading the singing at Pine Grove, he was also teaching the adult Sunday School class. When Ewart asked him to be the teacher, he said, "Well, all right, but I won't be there when the weather is bad" (maybe he didn't like to walk in the rain). He started teaching Sunday School, though—and he didn't miss a Sunday in 33 years!

He's one of those boys Professor Brown inspired in everything to do his best.

Guest opinion

ABS says "thank you" to Mississippi

By John A. Duguid

Mississippi Baptist churches, in 1982, gave the American Bible Society gifts totaling \$9,961.07 to help in sharing God's Word around the world.

That sum is equal to \$5.18 for every church in the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

It represents a 3.07 percent share of the total support from Southern Baptists throughout the country for ABS, which came to \$324,612 for the year. Southern Baptists were far in the lead of all denominations and church groups in their financial support of ABS during 1982.

Gifts went directly into the translation, publication and distribution of Scriptures in over 150 countries, including the more than 90 countries in which Southern Baptists have an active ministry.

Miss Alice E. Ball, general secretary, expressed grateful thanks to the generous support of Southern Baptists

in 1982.

"Without your help we might have had to make serious cuts in our work during the year, but instead we were able to move forward on several fronts. Here at ABS we are deeply grateful to all Southern Baptists for their prayerful support of the Bible cause, both at home and abroad."

Donations for Mississippi and other Baptist state conventions helped thousands of Scripture-sharing projects, including the supply to the Brazilian government of special Scriptures in Portuguese and various Indian languages needed to teach millions of its citizens how to read. These Scriptures not only improved their reading skills, but introduced them to God's Word as they learned.

In Bangladesh, many eager men and women received the New Testament in a new Bengali translation, despite the resistance there to Christian

evangelism.

Over three million people speak Efik in Nigeria. They moved closer to their dream of owning a Bible in words they can understand, because Southern Baptists helped underwrite the work of the Bible Society translation team.

And in Mexico, thousands of young people were able to spread out across the land with colorful copies of John's Gospel, designed to bring their fellow nationals a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

For 167 years the American Bible Society has pursued a single goal: to provide people everywhere with the pure Word of God without doctrinal note or comment. At the outset primarily national in scope, the Society has broadened its Scripture ministry through the United Bible Societies to encompass nearly all of the world.

Last year ABS distributed over 244 million Scriptures globally mainly

through churches, missions, hospitals, schools, and other institutions as well as through the dedication of untold numbers of individuals.

Large scale distribution, as well as careful purchasing and production methods, enabled the not-for-profit Society to get the very most out of every gift dollar.

Miss Ball expressed confidence that Scripture programs in more than 700 languages worldwide will rise to an all-time high in 1983. Moreover, demand is increasing here in the U.S. now that President Reagan has decreed this as the Year of the Bible.

Activities will peak in November, when America celebrates Bible Sunday, the 69th continuous annual observance of the event since ABS inaugurated it at the turn of the century.

John A. Duguid is director of the news bureau for the American Bible Society.

Former Jackson pastor sees integrity as problem in SBC

By Robbie N. Watson

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Frank Pollard, president of the Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., says one of the biggest problems for Southern Baptists today is not inerrancy but integrity.

Speaking to a chapel audience at New Orleans Seminary, Pollard said Southern Baptists are in danger of being permanently divided. "Sadly it cannot be said of us what the Word declares about the church in Acts: 'And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul.'"

Pollard is former pastor at First Church, Jackson, Miss. Calling himself a fundamentalist, "if you don't capitalize the word and put the accent on the second syllable," Pollard said he had no problem declaring the Bible inerrant, infallible, and inspired. "When any Baptist institu-

tion causes young minds to doubt the Word of God, I believe it to be a tragedy which must be corrected," Pollard said.

He added: "Like many of you I cannot side with the few who do not share those convictions about the Bible. Another great agony is that we cannot side with many who are calling themselves 'inerrantists'. In fact I do not believe inerrancy is all of the issue in our current division. A large part of the issue is integrity."

Implying the integrity problem involves the spread of innuendo and false information, Pollard told of a Southern Baptist church that was providing extension support for a non-Southern Baptist Convention seminary. The reason given was, "The Bible is not being taught in any of our seminaries."

On the basis of accusations made by one of the members of that church Pollard scheduled conferences with two of his former professors who were named as teaching specific heresies. The member leveling the charges would not accompany Pollard to confer with the professors in question.

Pollard learned that "the charges were untrue. What's more, no one had talked to them about these things." He continued, "When I told that New Testament professor someone had said he (the professor) didn't believe in the virgin birth, he shook his head and cried."

Pollard added, "I fear there has been too much of this kind of slander. Broad, general statements may sometimes contain a half truth, but if they are half true they are also half false." He said there are several steps a Christian must take before he is biblically free to go public with a complaint. "If you really believe the Bible to be God's word, you need to know it forbids you to slander anyone," Pollard said.

He added, "Calling a Southern Baptist seminary professor 'liberal' is akin to calling a U.S. senator a 'communist'. His life's calling and ministry

is at stake."

Reciting another break with integrity Pollard explained why he was raised in what he considered a non-Christian home. "The pastor of my father's church had been an able, powerful, and charismatic preacher, but he built his 10,000 member church and the largest seminary in the world at that time, at least partially on a foundation of slandering everyone who didn't agree with him."

"Especially did he aim his barbs at

struggling Southwestern Seminary. My father reacted to that spirit and denied his faith. For more than 30 years he was out of fellowship with God," Pollard said, adding that the seminary mentioned no longer exists in that city and the church in question is extremely weak at best.

Pollard concluded, "Liberalism can kill a church or a denomination, but, an even greater warning for us is that a judgmental, negative spirit can kill a church or denomination, also."

Come to Las Vegas

Editor:

Thank you very much for your very perceptive editorial dated April 7, 1983, entitled "The Las Vegas Decision." Thank you for your rational and Christ-like explanation of the alternatives for Southern Baptists as they make a decision whether or not to come to Las Vegas for convention in 1989.

It is interesting to note that some of the states that allow pari-mutuel betting at the tracks have higher revenue from these sources than Nevada has from casino gaming. I might also observe that I saw my first slot machine not in a Nevada town, but as a young airman stationed in Biloxi, Miss. Gambling is a debilitating sin whether it is practiced in a legal environment or in an illegal one. When I read that the Southern Baptist Convention might be held in Las Vegas, I was elated that we would have the opportunity to spread a positive Christian influence with fellow Southern Baptists from all across our nation converging on a city in desperate need of Christ. When I began to read the various letters critical of our Executive Board for even considering Las Vegas as a convention site, my disappointment in my Southern Baptist brothers and sisters from the deep south was great. As your readers go to

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

Pittsburgh to decide whether or not to convene in Las Vegas let them remember these things. First, if they feel that they will be tainted by all the sin and hurting society, then let them come. Let them come by the one's in their Christian faith, they will destroy the witness Southern Baptists have worked so hard to portray here in Nevada. If they vote to come to Nevada out of curiosity to see how "sinners" live, then let them stay home also. We are doing a great work for the Lord and do not have time to come down and be tour guides to all the sinful attractions. Third, if they see in their dreams a Nevada standing and pleading with them to come and bring the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to a sin sick and hurting society, then let them come. Let them come by the one's and two's, let them come by the ten's and twenty's. Let them come by hundreds and thousands. Let them come with the love of Christ in their heart or let them stay home.

Terry W. Arnold
Pastor
First Baptist Church
Carson City, Nevada

An unusual offering

Editor:

On May 15, the Las Palmas Baptist

Church in the Canary Islands took an unusual type of offering. It was an offering of vegetable seeds to be taken back to Equatorial Guinea, following a two week visit in the Canary Islands of Southern Baptist missionaries, Jess and Peggy Thompson.

Jess and Peggy Thompson have been in Equatorial Guinea for 16 months, with the primary purpose of doing agricultural mission work. They are waiting to be joined by a Baptist couple from Spain, he will take charge of the evangelistic promotion.

During the two weeks that the Thompsons were in Las Palmas, they had opportunity to give reports of their work. They also had the opportunity to thank the Las Palmas congregation, which in 1979 made a special relief drive for the people of Guinea of food and clothing and which urged the Spanish Baptist Union to support a missionary couple in Guinea.

At the night service on May 15 baskets were passed among the congregation; and people put packages of seeds of tomatoes, onions, beans, pepper, egg plants, cucumbers, carrots, and a variety of other seeds aimed at diversifying the Guinean diet.

Jess Thompson picked up a package of tomato seeds and said, "I hope that you will consent for us to keep some of these for our own personal garden. We need to have a sort of 'demonstration

garden' before our neighbors."

Indy Whitten
Press Representative of the Baptist Mission to Spain

Witnessing laymen

Editor:

I am grateful for the many fine laymen that we have in our state. These men have and are adding much to the cause of our Lord. I am afraid at times we fail to let it be known what they are doing.

It was my pleasure to have Bro. Guinn Moore, who is a layman from First Baptist Church in Kosciusko, to speak in our church. The Lord used this layman in a great way. There were three souls saved in the services that Lord's Day. One of these people had been praying for for over 20 years. There were a number of other decisions made that same day.

I had the privilege of being on a mission trip to Argentina with Bro. Moore. He had more zeal about witnessing than anyone that I have ever met. I would highly recommend him to any church that wants to hear about the need of soul winning. He will bless the people.

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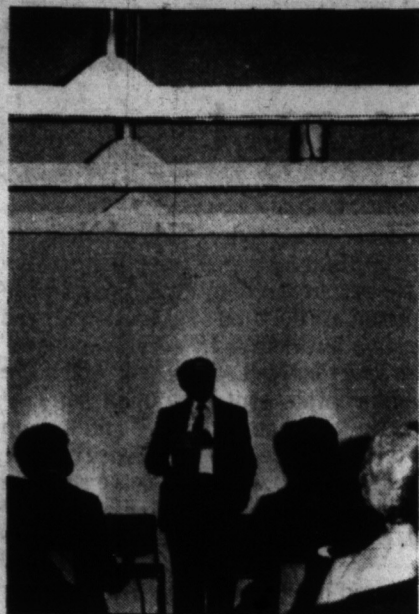
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Equipping Center dedication

Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, speaks to guests during dedication services for the Parchman Baptist Equipping Center, a half mile from the front gate of the Mississippi State Penitentiary. Kelly referred to Paul's experiences (in Acts 16) with the Philippian jailer. "When the light was brought in people experienced shocks that made the earthquake pale in significance—new births, baptisms, fellowship, justice, peace, and rejoicing flooded the darkness of the prison like rays of light," said Kelly.



Granville Watson, Sunflower County director of missions, introduces Ovis and Virginia Fairley, to guests during Equipping Center services. Fairley directs the new ministry aimed primarily staffers at the prison. Funds for this ministry come from the Mississippi state mission offering, from the Home Mission Board, where the Fairleys are under appointment, from the Sunflower Association and from gifts. The Equipping Center will be used as a training center for volunteers who visit the prison and as offices of the ministry. Danny Loper designed the building.

Carrolls to join Global Outreach

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Webster Carroll, Southern Baptist missionary known for his work in Uganda during and after Idi Amin's reign, and his wife, Betty, have resigned from Southern Baptist missionary service effective May 31.

Carroll plans to affiliate with Global Outreach, an organization based in Tupelo, Miss., which works primarily in hunger-related projects. Owen Cooper, former president of the SBC, is president of the group. Carroll will be responsible for raising his own support.

He and his wife were emotionally involved "in the death of our beloved Uganda under the savage rule of Idi Amin," he said. But "we have been just as emotionally involved in anticipating our Baptist Mission of Uganda's opportunity and responsibility to help rebirth Uganda in the com-

passionate love and 'cup of cold water' ministry of Jesus."

Carroll believes the Baptist mission in Uganda did not take advantage of some opportunities to help in that ministry. Feeling God was leading him and his wife to accept such opportunities, they decided to resign from Southern Baptist mission service. He stressed a feeling of love and respect for the Uganda missionaries and love and devotion to the Foreign Mission Board staff after 27 years of work fellowship.

Davis Saunders, the board's director for Eastern and Southern Africa, expressed sorrow over the Carrolls' decision, especially since they had worked together since 1956 when he, his wife and the Carrolls were missionaries in East Africa.

Saunders said he had met with the

Carrolls several times in East Africa and in the United States to try to find a way they could continue their work within the fellowship of the Baptist Union of Uganda, the Baptist Mission of Uganda and the Foreign Mission Board.

With Global Outreach, Carroll anticipates spending much of his time overseas, initially in Uganda, where he hopes to help with projects such as a mass inoculation campaign, a cattle project and a Christian basketball team project in high schools during the summer of 1984.

The Carrolls and one other missionary couple, Jim and Linda Rice, stayed in Uganda through Idi Amin's reign. Because of Carroll's ties, they were able to arrange for the first plenipotentiary of medical aid to enter the country following Amin's downfall.

Preaching Institute set for August

The second annual Mississippi College—Clarke College Summer Bible—Preaching Institute will be held Aug. 1-5 on the Clarke College campus, Newton.

All Bible study and sermon analysis will focus on the book of I Corinthians. The Bible teacher for this occasion will be Ray Frank Robbins. G. Earl Guinn will be the teacher for sermon preparation and the sermons will be by professors of Clarke and Mississippi College.

Cost of the four-day institute is: registration, \$25; and lodging and meals, \$50. A limited number of scholarships are available. For more information write J. B. Costilow, Clarke College, Box 440, Newton, Miss., 39345.

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Cooperative Program Receipts

Month	1982	% of Total	1983	% of Total	Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
January	\$1,076,552	7.9	\$1,217,037	8.1	\$ 140,485	13.0
February	1,196,121	8.7	1,335,282	8.9	139,161	11.6
March	1,146,091	8.4	1,284,572	8.5	138,481	12.1
April	1,145,609	8.4	1,277,838	8.5	132,229	11.5
May	913,153	6.7	961,739	6.3	48,586	5.3
TOTAL	\$5,477,526	40.1	\$6,076,468	40.3	\$ 598,942	10.9
Budget for 5 Months Over (Under)			\$6,279,583 \$ (203,115)			
TOTAL BUDGET	\$13,676,656		\$15,071,000		\$1,394,344	10.2

Equal access legislation debated at Senate hearing

By Gerri Ratliff

WASHINGTON (BP)—Proposed equal access laws permitting public school students to gather before or after school for religious meetings are unconstitutional and should be defeated in the name of Baptist principles, according to W. W. Finlator, Southern Baptist minister and a vice president of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Finlator said "religion has flourished and grown under our Constitution. I don't want the government diluting or compromising my religion." Finlator was pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh, N. C., for over 25 years before his retirement in 1982.

The bills, S.425 and S.1059, introduced by Sen. Jeremiah Denton, R-Ala., and S.815, introduced by Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., are de-

signed to prevent public school districts from discriminating against voluntary, student-initiated religious meetings by students.

Secretary of Education Terrell H. Bell, speaking for the Reagan administration, said the legislation would "merely put voluntary religious activity on an equal footing with other extracurricular activities." By not allowing religious groups to meet, Bell said, "society singles religion out and undermines it."

Students from six states testified religious groups in their high schools were denied the right to meet. Urging passage, they cited an "erosion of student religious freedom."

(Ratliff writes for the Baptist Joint Committee.)

FBC, Greenville drops policy

Members of First Baptist Church, Greenville, Sunday evening voted by "an overwhelming majority" to strike down a 19-year-old policy excluding blacks from attendance.

Clair Allen, deacon chairman, was quoted as saying the margin was more than four to one to strike the policy, which was not being enforced, from the books.

On May 22, Pastor Ken Smith resigned his five month pastorate at First Church to return to a former pastorate in Tallahassee.

Church administrator Kenneth Forbes reported earlier to the Baptist Record that Smith's letter of resignation "did not mention race as an issue, but in some closing remarks (to the church) he did say he hoped the church would deal with this matter."

Prevost is new FMB consultant

RICHMOND, Va.—Former home missionary and Jackson, Miss. native, Tom E. Prevost will join the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board as missionary candidate consultant for the western United States.

Based in Richmond, Prevost, 36, will counsel foreign missionary applicants in California (including students at Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley), New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

Prevost was a Southern Baptist home missionary from 1974 to 1975 in Phoenix, Ariz., where he was consultant in Christian social ministries for the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention and the Central Association of Southern Baptists.

Most recently he was pastor of Tiburon (Calif.) Baptist Church. He has also been pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Morgantown, W. Va., and Trinity Baptist Church, Fairfax, Calif.

Prevost is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, and earned the master of divinity and doctor of ministry degrees from Golden Gate seminary.

Help Wanted

Volunteers are needed for construction projects in California and in Belize. For details, contact the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, phone 968-3800.

Carey awards doctorates

Spring commencement was held May 14, at William Carey College in Thomas Hall Auditorium. President J. Ralph Noonkester presided over the ceremonies in which over 200 degrees were awarded.

Commencement speaker was Peter McLeod, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, who was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by the college. Also given honorary degrees were Hattiesburg Mayor Bobby Chain, the Doctor of Business Administration and Congressman Trent Lott, the Doctor of Laws.

"Great is the Lord," an anthem by James Fry, was performed by the Men's Chorus of Carey. Fry, the Dean of the School of Music, directed the anthem, which was commissioned especially for this occasion by President Noonkester. Special music was also presented by Dianne Evans, an '82 graduate and the current Miss Mississippi.

Professors Falconer Hodges, Evelyn McClure and Elma McWilliams, who are retiring from the college this

spring, were awarded emeritus status by the Board of Trustees of the college. The professors were also recognized on Friday night at the graduation reception given by President and Mrs. Noonkester.

The J. E. Byrd Memorial award for the outstanding graduating senior in religion was given to Donald Ray Dobson.

Joy is a rainbow

Joy is like the rainbow. It is a reflection of God's light on the surface of the waters from the storms of life. The colors of the rainbow, each beautiful when alone, but enhanced as they stand together, are present within a single beam of sunlight. Yet they cannot be seen until the ray is reflected from the waters of the earth and returns once more to the sky. Even so, our faith and love—our joy—is often hidden until we have weathered our storms, never losing faith in God, and look up to him, our eyes filled with tears of joy, and God's love shines forth, a reflection of our tears.

Charles L. Quarles
("written in memory of Mrs. Louise Knight, whose life was a revelation of this truth")

Missionaries take posts

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Samford University and Southwestern Seminary.

The Browns have three children: Christopher Andrew, born in 1974; Jeremy Daniel, 1977; and Joshua David, 1979.

Robert and Donna Burris will serve in Taiwan where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. He is pastor of First Church of Hoover, Birmingham. She is a native of Newton, Miss. Her father, Padgett Cope, is a home missionary in Pennsylvania.

The Burris have three children: Lisa Michelle, born in 1972; Jonathan Lee, 1974; and Lori Noelle, 1979.

John and Cheryl Cox will work in Spain where he will be a mission business manager and she will be a church and home worker. He is an insurance agent in Orlando.

Born and reared in Reform, Ala., Cox is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Cox of Philadelphia, Miss. He is a graduate of Livingston University and Southern Seminary.

The Coxes have two children: Jennifer Renee, born in 1979; and Heather Lynette, 1981.

All of these families will attend an 11-week orientation in Pine Mountain, Ga., before leaving for the mission fields.

Missionary dies

TAIPEI, Taiwan (BP)—Southern Baptist missionary teacher Jeanette Hunker, 64, died May 30 in Taiwan after a long battle with cancer.

When the veteran missionary became too ill to go to class and teach her seminary students, the students came to her. She taught at home until about six weeks before her death.

Hunker, said a colleague, was determined to live to see the class of 1983 graduate at Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary in Taipei. She died on the evening of graduation day.

Highly respected by missionaries and Chinese Baptists, Hunker taught religious education at the seminary for 30 years. Her husband, missionary W. Carl Hunker, has been seminary president and vice president and an active professor and pastor.

The Hunkers went to China after World War II and taught at Yates Academy, Soochow. They worked with Chinese in the Philippines after 1949 and transferred to Taiwan in 1952. In addition to teaching, Hunker worked with Baptist women throughout Taiwan, training leaders and helping local organizations. She also worked in churches in Taipei.

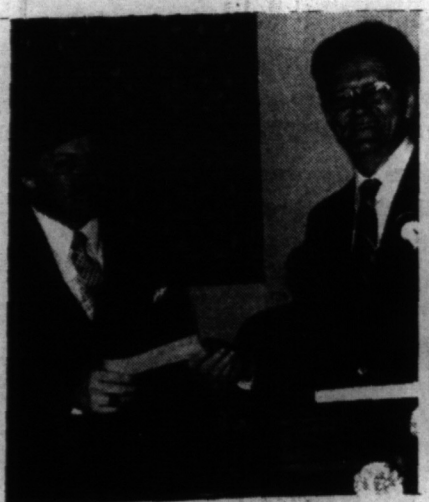
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languages of the people. A majority of the people in Swaziland call themselves Christians, but many are non-practicing. A large segment of the people practice their traditional religions.

Flood checks

Henry Fortenberry, deacon at Christian Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Marion County, checks a water filled light fixture. The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board gave \$1,000 and the Marion County Association gave \$200 to the church to repair flood damages from April flooding. (Photo courtesy the COLUMBIAN-PROGRESS)



Powell Ogletree, right, member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, presents a \$5,000 check to Gibbie McMillan, pastor of South 28th Avenue Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, to assist with flood relief.



Mrs. Uhl Patterson, center, presents a check for \$10,000 to the New Hope Baptist Church, Columbia, from the Mississippi Baptist Convention for relief from flood damages. Bobby Smith, right, pastor, and Everett Stringer, deacon chairman, accept the check. Damages to church properties including the pastor's and music director's homes, in the April flooding were estimated as between \$100,000 and \$125,000. Mrs. Patterson of Columbia is a member of the MCB. (Photo courtesy the Columbian-Progress.)

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Killer's attitude change due to woman he never met

By Robert Hastings

BELLEVILLE, Ill. (BP)—When John Evans died in an Alton, Ala., electric chair April 23, his change in attitude toward life and his remorse for the crime may have been due to the efforts of an Illinois woman he never met.

After Joy Flahan, a member of Winstanley Baptist Church in Fairview Heights, Ill., for 31 years, read a newspaper article in March 1979 telling how Evans wanted to die for his crime, she wrote him a letter and enclosed a gospel tract.

Evans answered her and for four years they corresponded. His last letter, dated April 6, reaffirmed his faith in Christ and his belief that whatever happened, he would be at peace with the Lord. At that time his appeal for clemency was pending. It was not granted.

In a message videotaped before he was executed, Evans said he "wouldn't even hesitate a second" to give up his life for that of his victim.

Evans, convicted for the murder of Edward Nassar, a Mobile, Ala., pawnbroker, made the tape "because he had a real desire to try to help young people so they wouldn't have to suffer the way he did," Martin Webber, Alabama state prison chaplain, said.

"My name is John Evans and I am on death row in Alabama and I am scheduled to be executed in about four days," he said in an excerpt of the tape which was broadcast on the CBS Morning News. "I felt there are some important things I should say and, if you're smart you're going to listen and you're going to learn a little something."

Evans, who appeared calm on the tape, said he was "overcome with a sense of remorse"

for his crime. "I am here for committing murder, for killing a man. I cannot give back the wife her husband. I cannot give back the kids their father. Taking the life of another human being is just almost too horrible to think about."

"I guess I've relived it over in my mind a hundred times and lots of times I've been overcome with a sense of remorse for him and his family. And God knows right now I've reached a point where if it were possible to give up my life to give his back, I wouldn't even hesitate a second to do so."

Webber said Evans had hoped the tape would be viewed by young people ages 12-15 because "as he looked back in his life, that's where it all began."

Flahan does not claim her letters were a major factor in his conversion because she wants "the Lord to have all the credit." How-

ever the tenor of his letters indicate such.

Evans' attitude changed after his conversion and he set out to rehabilitate himself while still in prison. At the time of execution he was working on a law degree by correspondence.

Flahan said the Sunday school of which she is a member often sent him small sums of money to buy postage and paper and to help with his tuition for the correspondence course. "I guess I identified with John more since he was so near the age of my daughter, who is 35," she said. Evans was 33 at the time of his execution.

Flahan said her pastor, Wendell Garrison, also wrote to Evans and as far as she knows, no similar correspondence was carried on with other persons outside his immediate family.

(Hastings edits the Illinois Baptist News-paper.)

1,939 take part in Bible Drills

By Robin Nichols

A total of 1,939 children and youths participated in the 1983 Bible Drills held in 10 locations throughout Mississippi in April. This number includes those who participated in their church and associational drills as well as the state participants. Many began their memory work and Bible skill preparation as early as October, 1982. These children and youth learned many scriptures, learned how to use the Bible, and began to store its truths in their hearts.

The 1983 Youth Bible Drill Selection Tournament took place May 7 at First Church, Clinton, after ten state finals. Youths qualified for this selection tournament by obtaining four mistakes or fewer in the previous state drills. One hundred-twenty-one young people, grades 7-9, participated in the selection tournament.

After four hours of drilling, 13 finalists were judged in the final drill. Two top winners were selected to represent Mississippi at Glorieta and Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Centers during the Church Training Leadership Conferences in the summer. Speed was added to the accuracy as a basis for judging the final drill. The winners were: Barbara Rivers, Union, who will go to Glorieta; and Marsha Stovall, Philadelphia, who will be the representative to Ridgecrest. Todd Russell of Petal qualified as alternate.

The other ten finalists will be guests of the Church Training department at Gulfshore during the Church Training Leadership Conference, August 10-13. They are: Jerry Williams, Pearl; Jeff Clearman, Petal; Andrea Greer, Meridian; Paige Gullledge, Petal; Jay Harris, Ellisville; David Sharp, Philadelphia; Russell Robbins, Clinton; Kitty Cumberland, Philadelphia; Lisa Carol Williams, Newton; and Samuel Wilson, Eupora.

The Church Training department announced that 13 young people received 9-year plaques. This plaque, with their name engraved, represents nine years of participation in Children's and Youth State Bible Drills (grades 4-12). The following youth received nine year plaques: Karla Jones and Bob Russell, Petal; Gina Sewell and Tina Kittrell, and Melissa Haney, Cleveland; Sallie Cottingham, Grenada; Steve Wilson, Eupora; Marilyn Bishop, Winona; David Taylor, Pascagoula; Laura Whaley, Carol Brenner, and Sherrie Cooley of Tupelo; and Susan Hanna of Olive Branch.

This year special recognition was

given to 28 youths who have participated in State Bible Drills for eight years. These young people will receive a special certificate. They are: Anne Kinard, Petal; Anita Sumrall & Chip Johnson, Carriere; Kevin Roberts, Picayune; Susan Gregory, Louisville; Janet Davis, Meridian; Selwyn Ellis, Noxapater; Boyd Nation, Gore Springs; Marsha Herrod, Eupora; Nancy Leigh Moore, and Deena Anthony, Tupelo; Cindy Bolen, Euru; Kevin Cooley and Bonnie Franks, Corinth; Amy Ross, Vicksburg; Karen Still, Cleveland; Teresa O'Neal & Janet White, Grenada; Candy Payne, Olive Branch; Adrian Fairchild, Brookhaven; Jess Greer, Bogu Chitto; Edna Jackson, Gloster; Jan Schaefer, Rachel Irwin, Becky Mayfield, Carol Johns, Lauren Lentz, all of Jackson; and Jerry Seale, Ridge-land.

Sixth year trophies were awarded to 26 young people for six years of participation in the State Youth Bible Drills, from the 7th through the 12th grade.

There were approximately 150 judges who helped during the two weeks of State Bible Drill tournaments. These do not include the undetermined number of judges who worked in the churches and associations preparing the participants for state drills.

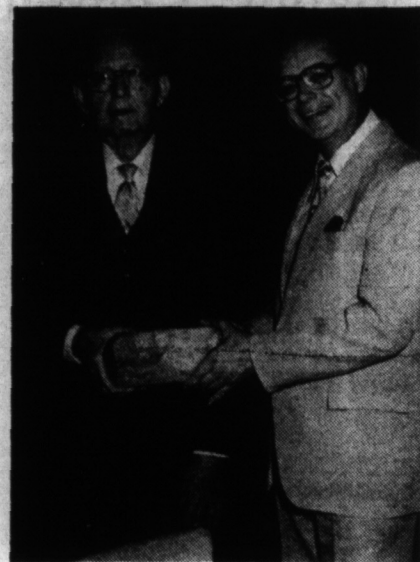
The Church Training department encourages each church within the state to begin preparation for children in Bible Drills by attending the Bible Drills clinics for leaders in December 1983. These clinics help Bible Drill leaders to make preparation for leading children and young people in Bible memory and Bible skills. The dates and locations for these clinics will appear on the 1984 Bible Drill leaflets.

The Bible Drill leaflets for children's and youth Bible Drills, and the Speakers' Tournament leaflets for senior high young people will be available after October 1, 1983. Anyone wishing further help or Bible Drill leaflets may contact the Church Training department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

(Nichols is consultant, Church Training department.)

Elliffs return to the U.S.

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Two years ago, Tom Elliff left booming Eastwood Baptist Church in Tulsa, Okla., to become a missionary evangelist in the war-torn African nation of Zimbabwe.



Emerald M. Causey shows brick from William Carey's cottage to Ed Weldon, dean of the School of Business, William Carey College.

Brick from Carey's home brought to his namesake

By Lynda Sanders

office of publicity, WCC

The father of the Baptist missionary movement, William Carey, is honored and remembered throughout the world. The British cobbler planted the seeds for modern missions and Christian education. When Carey went to India in 1793, his educational efforts were extended through the creation of many mission schools, mission stations, and through the founding of Serampore College in India, a school that continues today to do the work of educating Indian students.

A reminder of William Carey's position in Baptist history was brought out at William Carey College's spring commencement ceremonies as a memento from William Carey's English home was presented to the college. When the Carey cottage was dismantled earlier in this century, a brick was picked up by Peter G. Clark, pastor of a Baptist church at nearby Leicester, England, and was in his possession when he was pastor of the Bristo Baptist Church, Edinburgh, Scotland.

In 1973, the Emerald M. Causeys of Liberty, Miss., toured Scotland and vi-

Cornerstone is laid for mission training center

ROCKVILLE, Va. (BP)—Board and staff members of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board laid a cornerstone May 24 at the site of the missionary training center they hope will boost the skills of new missionaries going overseas.

Nearly 500 people traveled to the Rockville construction site, near the board's Richmond offices, for the cornerstone ceremony. The stone, to be opened in the year 2000, contains historical materials documenting the development of the Baker James and Eloise Cauthen Missionary Learning Center and Southern Baptists' worldwide mission program.

"It's hard to believe that a little over

two years ago we had 233 acres and a blank sheet of paper," said Sam James, missionary orientation director and one of the designers of the center's program. Ground was broken in May 1982 and construction is about 60 percent complete. The facility opens next summer.

Named for retired Foreign Mission Board leader Baker James Cauthen and his wife, the \$9.1 million learning center will house training for new career and associate missionaries, two-year missionary journeymen, summer and semester missionaries, and volunteers. Missionaries returning from their first term overseas will attend debriefing sessions at the center.

The Rockville location will be used year-round, and easy access to board offices in Richmond will make missionary training more efficient. New missionaries and journeymen currently train at rented, overcrowded facilities in Georgia and North Carolina which are available only certain weeks of the year.

Clarke has new dean

Ronald Glenn Kirkland, pastor of Bay Springs Baptist Church, Bay Springs, Miss., has been named by the Mississippi College board of trustees as the new academic dean at Clarke College in Newton, a division of Mississippi College. He assumed his duties June 1.

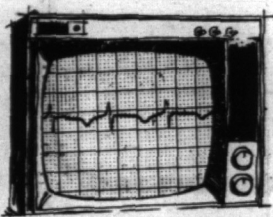
Kirkland will replace Gary N. Garner, who has resigned to accept the position of academic dean and registrar at Bluefield College in Bluefield, Va.

A 1969 graduate of Mississippi College where he majored in Bible and English, Kirkland later earned the master of theology and doctor of theology degrees from New Orleans Seminary.

He taught New Testament on a part-time basis at Clarke College in 1982-83. He has also served as a graduate assistant at New Orleans Seminary, was a Bible instructor at Southwest Christian School in Ruth, and was a teacher and coach at Mid-City Baptist High School in New Orleans.

Prior to assuming the Bay Springs pastorate, Kirkland served as pastor of Central Church, McComb; West Marks, Marks; Mt. Pleasant, Bogu Chitto; and New Zion, Liberty; plus served as associate pastor and youth minister at First, Summit.

The new dean is a native of Liberty and is married to the former Betty Sue Morgan of McComb. They are parents of four children, Ronald Davis, Lewis Daniel, Sudi Dawn, and Wendi Sue.



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Concerned about young adult's salvation

Your feature is the first one I read each week in the Record. I would feel that your readers were missing out on a valuable service if it were dropped.

We have two children in their late teens; one has been baptized and is a member of our church, yet has problems. The other lives like a Christian, but has not made a public profession of faith. Naturally, we are concerned about both. We have an increasing anxiety about facing death with the eternal life of the one so uncertain.

Please provide some insight that might increase our peace of mind. Is it possible to "believe" and let your way of living be your public profession?

Concerned Father

Dear Concerned Father: There are a number of scriptures that would suggest that a confession of faith is necessary to salvation. Yet Jesus said, "By their fruits you shall know them." Is an expression of faith by life more important than a confession of faith by lips? In our attempts to judge, we consider such questions. Why not leave the judgment to God?

As parents, our obligation is to do all we can to "rear the child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." We "train up the child in the way he should go." And that is as far as we can go! God has created each of us with a sovereign will and the power of moral

choice. The expression of that will is more often made in our choice of a life style than in what we profess to believe. With both of your young people, remember that the verdict is not in yet.

Why not live in the peace that you have done and are doing your part and believe that by the end of their lives, all will be well with both of your children? God is still saying to each of you, "I love you. Come here!"

Inquiries to Intensive Care are welcomed. Readers who feel the need of being in touch with Intensive Care are encouraged to write. Identities remain confidential. And though the identities of those performing this ministry have been kept confidential to this point, they are well qualified for the service they are rendering. Inquiries should be addressed to Intensive Care, Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.—Editor.

Soon he will leave that ministry and return to the United States.

Elliff says he still considers foreign missions very important, but strongly feels his calling and gifts have redirected him toward ministry in the U.S., said Davis Saunders, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's director for Eastern and Southern Africa. Elliff is involved in evangelism and Bible distribution in the area of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

Elliff and his wife, Jeannie, and their four children will return to the United States this summer to seek medical treatment for their 14-year-old daughter, Beth. Their resignation becomes effective Sept. 1.

In a Zimbabwe automobile accident last fall Beth suffered multiple fractures of the pelvis and burns which may require to five years of plastic surgery, said Saunders.

Mrs. Elliff and the couple's three younger children were also in the accident but suffered only minor injuries. Beth's legs and thighs were burned when the car engine fell on her after she was thrown from the vehicle. Elliff was attending a church development conference in White River, South Africa, at the time of the accident.

Elliff is the brother-in-law of former SBC President Bailey Smith.

Cigarette fires

Fires ignited by cigarettes cause more than one-third of the nation's residential fire deaths—2,144 in 1981. (Changing Times, April 1983, p. 10)

Off the Record

There was a professional critic who even found fault with God and his creation. Talking one day beneath a giant oak tree and near a garden, he told a friend how the acorn should be on the end of the fragile pumpkin vine and the

pumpkin on the sturdy oak tree. Just then an acorn fell from the tree under which he was standing and hit him on the head. His friend asked: "Now do you still wish the acorn had been a pumpkin?"

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Main Street to burn note

Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, has scheduled Sunday, June 19, as a day of church-wide activities. The note on the sanctuary, which was built in 1968, has been paid off. To commemorate this event, a special note burning ceremony will be held.

Activities will include dinner on the ground after the regular Sunday morning service. The note burning activities will be held at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary.

"This will be a time of homecoming and rededication for Main Street and a time to look to the future and what it holds. The Lord's Supper will be held during the evening worship service," said Willene Arcarese, member, Publicity Committee.

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Southern Baptists, Anglican to study cities of world

By Bill Webb
RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Southern Baptists have teamed up with a prominent Anglican researcher to study the world's 2,200 largest cities, a project that could have far-reaching implications for evangelization in an increasingly urban world.

David B. Barrett, a missionary who serves as research officer for the Anglican Church in Kenya and the Anglican Communion worldwide, has agreed to serve as research director for the two-year Foreign Mission Board project, which also will involve Southern Baptists' Center for Urban Church Studies in Nashville, Tenn.

Barrett, based in Nairobi, Kenya, is best known as editor of the 1,010-page "World Christian Encyclopedia," published in 1982, a massive survey of world Christianity arranged country by country. From initial planning to finished publication, the project spanned 14 years.

The urban study will focus on the state of Christianity in the 2,200 cities with populations of at least 100,000, including the 270 cities with more than a million and the 500 with at least a half million. The Center for Urban Church Studies will coordinate studies of United States cities within those classifications.

Research is expected to yield accurate church membership statistics of each Christian group in a city, trends on rural Christians moving to cities and specifics on church-related institutions and ministries. Barrett says such data have never before been collected and compiled city by city.

Foreign board strategist Clark Scanlon believes that with increasing urbanization, especially in Third World countries, the cooperative effort will yield fresh, accurate information that will give direction to strategies and plans for evangelizing cities.

Both Barrett and Scanlon agree that Southern Baptist missionaries in about 100 overseas countries will be natural allies in completing a 150-question survey form which Barrett describes as similar to a Gallup poll.

"Missionaries tend to know more about cities than anyone else," Barrett maintains. "If you are a foreigner, you become a more impartial observer after a time than a national."

The Foreign Mission Board is budgeting \$50,000 for the study. Barrett, whose missionary salary is paid by Anglicans, will receive no fee from the board.

(Webb writes for the FMB.)

Bogue Chitto to dedicate building

Bogue Chitto Baptist Church, New Choctaw Association, will hold building dedication services Saturday June 11, 1983 at 10 a.m. Special music will be brought by Mississippi Campers on Mission who helped in the building.

The building committee includes Charles D. Henry, chairman; Frank Henry; Wicks Henry; Lilly Gibson; and Reggie Willis.

Natchez couple will teach in India

Brian and Laura Lamb, members of Parkway Baptist Church, Natchez, and instructors in the Natchez public school district, will soon be flying to New Delhi, India, to begin work as missionary-teachers. They plan to move at the end of June.

For the Lams, this began in April 1982, when a friend, Ellen Goodell, visited them one night, and showed them photographs from an Indian school, Woodstock, where she had taught fourth grade for two years.

As the three talked, Brian said that he thought teaching abroad would be a great challenge and offer the couple a chance to see the world. A week later, Mrs. Goodell received a letter from the school saying it was in need of a chemistry teacher and a music teacher.

"I teach chemistry and physics and my wife teaches music," Brian said. "It kind of seemed that door had been opened for us, and we applied in April of last year." At the beginning of February, 1983, they got a telegram, offering them the positions.

Laura admitted, "I am a little apprehensive about the journey and subsequent change in lifestyle. There is no way to know what it's going to be like. Even if people tell you, you really don't know until you're there."

Woodstock is an English-speaking interdenominational Christian boarding school and an intercultural school. About one third of the students are American, another third Indian, and the remainder mostly British.

The Lams said the main emphasis within the school is "to incorporate the teachings of Christ through their everyday living and build up strong Christian ideals."

Manget Herrin, missionary, dies

Missionary Manget Herrin died May 7 at the Georgia Baptist Medical Center in Atlanta following a brief battle with cancer. Herrin and his wife, Elaine, have served with the Foreign Mission Board since 1968. After one term of service in Guyana, they have served since 1972 on the island of Grenada, West Indies, where they opened Southern Baptist mission work.

While on medical leave, the Herrins have lived in the missionary residence of the Briarlake Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga. Herrin has served as Stewardship consultant with the Georgia Baptist Convention. On furloughs, the Herrins have spoken in a number of Mississippi Baptist churches.

Herrin was brother-in-law to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bath, pastor of the Port Gibson Baptist Church. Mrs. Bath is Mrs. Bath's twin sister.

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Bill Barnes, minister of music, leads the Sanctuary Choir in songs of praise on Morrison Heights, Clinton's 25th anniversary. Seated on the platform, left to right, are Dot Tullos, director of the development center; Rolland Shaw, Robert Spencer, and Bob Magee, three former ministers of music who presented a mini-concert; Earl Kelly, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Kermit D. McGregor, pastor.

Morrison Heights reaches victory goal; in 25th year

Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton, celebrated its 25th anniversary on May 29, at the completion of a Together We Share debt retirement campaign, and on the fifth anniversary of its pastor, Kermit D. McGregor.

Lamar Nail, chairman of the Together We Share drive, announced that \$517,086.00 had been pledged, going over the \$400,000 Victory Goal. The mission that began in a tent Jan. 5, 1958, now has a plant valued at \$3,307,500.

Richard Collum, minister of education, presented from the congregation a monetary gift to McGregor, who came there as pastor on June 1, 1978, from Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. His first pastorate 27 years ago was with New Hope Baptist Church, Pontotoc. He is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Featured speaker at the morning service was Russell M. McIntire, of New Orleans, who was pastor of First, Clinton, when that church decided to begin the mission that became Morrison Heights Church and who delivered the first sermon in the tent in 1958. The church's first pastor, Jack Butler, was unable to be present, but sent a letter of greeting.

Guest speaker for the afternoon service was Earl Kelly, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

L. Gordon Sansing, Meridian, was featured speaker for Saturday's special dinner for charter members and former and current staff members. Thirty persons joined the mission in 1958, at the close of its first service.

However, there were 126 charter members and these have increased to 2,231 members, with 1,775 living in the Jackson/Clinton area. The church was constituted June 15, 1958.

Other special program guests were Charles Gentry, Morrison Heights' second pastor, for 13 years, 1964-1977; Bill Watson and Dale Oden, former ministers of education at the church; Walter Howell, mayor of Clinton; and Bill R. Baker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Clinton.

Three former ministers of music presented a mini-concert. These were Robert Spencer, Marshall, Tex.; Bob Magee, Hattiesburg, missionary to Colombia (on leave of absence); and Rolland Shaw, Hattiesburg.

Shaw recalled that he played the piano and sang a solo in the first service in the tent 25 years ago. The solo he sang that day was "Send Me, O Lord, Send Me." He repeated that for the 25th anniversary.

Spencer told the congregation about going out with a flashlight one night in the 1960's and capturing a six-foot alligator from a pond behind the church. Now that whole area is covered with the church buildings, and houses.

Lunch was served in the activities building. Historical displays had been prepared by Bill Barnes, minister of music; Jan Cossitt, director of activities; Robert Wall, Bill Keeler, George Moody, Mert Williams, Dan Mattox, and Marvin Barlow.

Morrison Heights was fifth among churches in Mississippi in the number of baptisms, during the associational year ending Sept. 30, 1982. Plans are being made to begin a second Sunday School in October, 1983.

Staff Changes

Lawrence Runnels, formerly pastor of Yale Street Church, Cleveland, has been called as pastor of Morgan Chapel Church, Oktibbeha County.

Providence Baptist Church, Tippecanoe (Tippah) has called Don Wilson as pastor. He is a native of Corinth, and is a 1983 graduate of Blue Mountain College. He was ordained to the gospel ministry by Tate Street Baptist Church, Corinth.

W. P. Blair resigned the pastorate of Enon Church, Walthall County, to accept FBC, Mize, Smith, County, beginning June 12.

Eric McNair has assumed the position as minister of music and youth at Pelahatchie Baptist Church. He held a similar position at Star Baptist Church, also in Rankin Association. He received his B.M. degree and M.M. degree, both from William Carey College.

Wayne White has accepted the pastorate of Indian Springs Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Hattiesburg. He is a native of Petal, and a graduate of Clarke College, Union University, and Southwestern Seminary.

Eugene Gillis has resigned as pastor of the Sturgis Baptist Church, Oktibbeha County, to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Vaiden.

Bellevue Baptist Church, Shelby, Bolivar Association, has called Kenny Spain as pastor. Spain is a native of Decatur, Ala., and is a student at Mid-America Seminary, Memphis. He has served pastorates in Missouri and Tennessee.

Thomas Leslie (Tommy) Anthony has accepted the pastorate of Norwood Baptist Church, Norwood, Colo., and is already on the field.

The Norwood Church is a small mission that is not yet self-supporting. They have asked financial assistance from the Home Mission Board so that the pastor can devote full-time to this ministry. For the past three-and-a-half years, Anthony has served as youth and activities director of First Baptist Church, Natchez. Recently he was recognized as the outstanding young religious worker in the Natchez area by the Jaycees. He formerly served as director of First Baptist, Temple, Tex., where he was ordained. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Anthony of Jackson, and is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary.

Tom Daniel, formerly minister of youth at Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson, has resigned in order to attend New Orleans Seminary. He will pursue a minister's degree in religious education.

Hugh Smith has begun work as minister of education and youth at North Greenwood Baptist Church, Greenwood. He is a native of Yazoo City, and recently was graduated from New Orleans Seminary.

Crossgates Church, Brandon, has called Alan Raughton as minister of education. A graduate of Mercer University in Georgia, he just completed a master of religious education degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Jimmy Smith, minister of activities at Alta Woods Church, Jackson, is going to First Church, Hendersonville, Tenn., as minister of activities.

Lee Ellen Sullivan has joined the staff of Tylertown Baptist Church, as summer youth worker. She will serve for 90 days.

Henry Farrish, of Indianola and Mississippi State University, recently resigned as director of music for Gore Springs Baptist Church, to enter Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. Tammy Morgan of Calhoun City is serving the church as interim music director for June and July. She is a music major of Blue Mountain College and has been teaching in the Grenada Municipal Separate School District.

Kenneth Shoemaker has resigned as pastor of Bond Baptist Church (Gulf Coast) to accept an appointment as a chaplain with the U. S. Army. After completing Chaplains School at Fort Monmouth, N.J., he will be assigned to Fort Hood, Tex. He previously served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Brooklyn. He is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary.

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New Orleans Seminary confers degrees

More than 220 participated in graduation exercises at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La., on May 21. Mississippians among the graduates were:

Charles A. Ray, Jr., Greenwood native, pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Pine Grove, La., (son of missionaries to Japan, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Ray) Doctor of Theology; Stan Anders, minister of youth, St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, native of Brandon, Master of Divinity; Jimmy W. Dukes, contract teacher, School of Christian Training, New Orleans Seminary, native of Jackson, Doctor of Theology; Duane McKenzie, native of Tylertown, Master of Divinity; Dan R. Finley, pastor, Bethel Baptist Church, Poplarville, native of Mobile, Ala., Doctor of Education; John Arthur Temple, pastor, Seventh St. Baptist Church, Cullman, Ala., native of Starkville, Doctor of Ministry; David H. Lee, director of ministries, Jackson County Baptist Association, Pascagoula, native of Gautier, Doctor of Ministry; Jerry Allen Weber, minister of

youth, First Baptist Church, Magnolia, native of McComb, Master of Divinity; Richard Dean Rominger, associate pastor and minister of education, Poydras Baptist Church, St. Bernard, La. native of Gulfport, Master of Divinity;

Roy Bryan Moore, associate minister of youth, John Calvin Presbyterian Church, Metairie, La., native of Hattiesburg, Master of Divinity; Russell R. Loudon, native of Lindale, Tex. (married to Suzanne LeCren of Carthage, Miss.), Master of Divinity; Marvin Dale Little, pastor, Springdale Baptist Church, West, Miss., native of McComb, Master of Divinity; James E. Blackwell, minister of youth, 38th Avenue Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, native of Bogalusa, La., Master of Divinity; Danny Von Kanel, First Baptist Church, Macon, native of Pascagoula, Master of Church Music; Patrick Duane Mobley, minister of music and youth, First Baptist Church, Vancleave native of Pascagoula, Fla., Master of Church Music;

Weldon Brock Moak, minister of

music, First Baptist Church, Belle Chasse, La., native of Summit, Miss., Master of Church Music;

Wayne Carter, minister of music and education, First Baptist Church, Charleston, Miss., native of Benton, Ark., Master of Church Music;

Jimmy Dale-Walley, minister of music and education, Bethel Baptist Church, West Monroe, La., native of Richton, Miss., Master of Religious Education; Lonnie Stewart, Jr., native of Pascagoula, Master of Religious Education; Dale Sauls, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Richland, MRE; Mark B. Lott, financial secretary, Baptist Association of Greater New Orleans, native of Petal, Miss., MRE; Kevin Griffin, staff, King's Arrow Ranch, Lumberton, native of Pearl, MRE; Richard Calvin Greene, minister of music/youth, Parkway Baptist Church, Metairie, La., native of Jackson, MRE;

Alvin C. Coyle, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Ridgeland, native of New Orleans, MRE; Huey P. Dedmon, Jr., native of Vicksburg, MRE; Thomas A. Byrge, pastor, Graceland Baptist Church, Vancleave, native of Briceville, Tenn., MRE; Clarence W. Qualls, Jr., pastor, Bluff Springs Baptist Church, DeKalb, native of Huntington, W. Va., associate of divinity degree in pastorate ministry;

Romey Power, native of Jackson, associate of divinity degree in pastoral ministry; J. Wayne McNeill, pastor, Moak's Creek Baptist Church, Summit, native of Charleston, S. C., associate of divinity degree in pastoral ministry; William Antony Martin, pastor, First Baptist, Milton, La., native of Vicksburg, associate of divinity degree in pastoral ministry; Charles E. Maples, pastor, Carson Baptist Church, Carson, Miss., native of Decatur, Ala., associate of divinity degree in pastoral ministry; Charles R. Davis, pastor, Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Collinsville, native of Meridian, associate of divinity of pastoral ministry; Richard L. Bye, Jr., pastor, Parkway Baptist Chapel, Picayune, native of Picayune, associate of divinity in pastoral ministry.



Landrum P. Leavell (left), president of New Orleans Seminary, meets with Mississippi doctoral candidates prior to commencement exercises May 21. Standing with him (from left) are: Jimmy Ward Dukes, formerly of Jackson and a Delta State University graduate; Charles A. Ray, Jr., formerly of Brandon; Dan R. Finley, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Poplarville; David H. Lee, Jr., of Gautier and a William Carey College graduate; and John Arthur Temple, formerly of Starkville and a Mississippi State University graduate. Duke and Ray received the Doctor of Theology degree, Finley received the Doctor of Education degree, and Lee and Temple received the Doctor of Ministry degree.

Just for the Record



TATE STREET CHURCH, CORINTH, recently held an "absentee" baby shower for Beverly Estes. Beverly and her husband, Carl Estes, are working in Idaho to establish new churches. The ladies of the church brought their gifts (unwrapped, so that everyone could enjoy seeing them) to the church. They wrapped the gifts and sent them to Idaho. Included with the gifts were punch mix, a cake mix and frosting mix to give the Estes family a chance to have a party as the gifts were unwrapped.



BIG LEVEL BAPTIST CHURCH, WIGGINS, recently burned the bank note for renovation of its building. The loan was to be for three years, but the church paid it in less than two years. Pictured are (from left) Allan Moseley, pastor; C. L. Miles, Building Commission chairman; Ed Howe, past Building Commission chairman; and Bobby Perry, director, Gulf Coast Baptist Association.



TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH, PEARL, is building a new sanctuary which will seat 500. Above are members of the Building Committee and trustees. Left to right are Marvin Edwards, Larry Ainsworth, Ernest Bain, Dwayne McPhail, chairman, O. Lyn Nations, pastor, and Malcolm Smith. Construction is scheduled to be complete by the last week in June.

Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, has voted to use the two-story house it owns on 15th Avenue for a mission house, to be used by furloughing missionaries.

Cleary Baptist Church, Hoover Lake, Rankin County, will hold Vacation Bible School for children 3 years old through the sixth grade, beginning June 13, at 9 a.m. The school will last one week with commencement to be held Sunday night, June 19, during the regular Worship Service hour at 6:45 p.m. The church buses will be available for children who do not have transportation. Kent Shirley is pastor.

Royal Ambassadors of Jackson County, recently participated in the annual R.A. camp out and bike rally held at Shepard State Park in Gautier. Nine churches were represented by 120 boys and counselors. Trophies were given to winners of bike races. An offering was given for home missions. Robert Spicer is R.A. director for Jackson County.

The Children's Choir of Tucker's Crossing Baptist Church, Laurel, recently presented the musical, "The Runaway," under direction of Lorrie Tanner and Rhonda Brooks with narrator Terry Holifield. The choir members are Kesley Holifield, Sandy Pruitt, Kay Abbey, Angela Jones, Sheree Bryant, Robert Poore, Rena Register, Belinda Poore, Michael Herring, Sharla Bryant, Natalie Sherman, Tara Sumrall, Shannon Stevenson, Lynn Prestwood, Terry Holifield, Kevin Holifield, Jason Simpson, Nathan Brooks, Treavor Walters, Trent Nicholson, Kasey Sherman, Candi Glenn, Heather Stevenson, Donald Poore, Marie Fessenden, Anthony Register, Rhonda Brooks, Dottie Fessenden, Alicia Fessenden, and Lorrie Tanner.

First Baptist Church of Runnelstown will hold Vacation Bible School, June 13-17, for children nursery age through 6th grade. Sessions will be from 8 to 11 a.m.

Parkhill to mark 27th birthday

Parkhill Baptist Church, Jackson, will observe its 27th anniversary Sunday, June 12. Following the 11 o'clock worship service, there will be dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

After lunch there will be a musical program presented by a quartet from Monroe, La. There will not be any night services. James C. Edwards is pastor.

Devotional

What is a candle for?

By Kate Durham Morgan, Jackson

What is a candle for? Recently I saw a "Helpful Hint" in a magazine which said save the ends of your candles because they come in handy for these various uses:

- First, after addressing your letter rub the candle stub over the address, thus waxing and waterproofing the address.
- Second, melt down and pour into cookie molds, with wicks to form cute animal candles to amuse your children.
- Third, melt some and let the child drop a bit of the hot wax on the back of the envelope to seal the letter as in ancient times.
- Fourth, candles can be placed unlighted for decorations about in various rooms of the house.
- Fifth, they can be put in a very convenient place with a jar of matches nearby in case of an emergency when the lights go out.

Sixth, they can be used for a romantic atmosphere with your best loved one, other times than your 50th wedding anniversary.

But of all these interesting uses of a candle, none is the reason why we have candles.

The reason we have candles is that in the day they were invented they were needed for light. And even today the real purpose of a candle is for light. Only as a candle burns, the flame flickering occasionally with a breath of air, does the exquisite beauty come to light.

And so it is with a Christian. We can spend our lives in many useful and good ways, but we actually meet our destiny when we let our light shine in a dark place. Our light may be alone, or with others in a great candelabrum.

There are many good things in the world, and often a Christian forgets that there are degrees of usefulness. The better things are above the good things, but the best is what the Christian is always striving to attain.

We do not want our candles to be always waxing over addresses on envelopes, or becoming amusing incidents in the lives of others, nor a mere decoration for a party, or just stored away until an emergency, or for an extra special day like Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, or Mother's Day.

What we do want is each day our candle lighted, a light the Lord can depend on, the world can see, and Satan cannot blow out.

In Psalm 138:1, David says, "For thou wilt light my lamp; Jehovah my God will lighten my darkness."

Our light is lighted by God, for Jesus said, "I am the light of the world, and ye are the light of the world, therefore let your light shine before men that they may see and glorify your Father in heaven."

Kate Durham Morgan (Mrs. W. C.) is a member of Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson.

Jerry Clower speaks out with Royal Ambassadors

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (BP)—Mississippi humorist Jerry Clower has joined forces with the Royal Ambassador Speak Out Program of the Brotherhood Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Royal Ambassadors (RAs) is a mission organization in Southern Baptist churches for boys in the first through twelfth grades. The Speak Out Program has been part of the RA state convention activities for several years, but beginning with the 1964 session in Memphis, boys in the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades will participate in the "Jerry Clower Ambassador Service Speak Out."

They will write their own speeches on moral and social subjects, consistent with the missionary education emphasis of RAs and deliver them at

the state convention. Clower will present an award to each participant.

Clower, a Yazoo City layman, said the first time he ever spoke in public was at a Baptist Young People's Union meeting. "Simply, I am on your side," Clower told a group of Tennessee Baptist Convention leadership. "Being identified with the Speak Out Program seems appropriate—after all, I make my living by speaking out in public."

"The things that happen to us as youngsters have the greatest impact on our lives. I want to help boys learn to express themselves and to express that Christianity works!"

Tandy Rice, Clower's agent and also an active Baptist layman, originated the idea of Clower joining forces with the Speak Out Program.

Oak Grove Church (Winston): June 12-17; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; Phil Gillis, pastor; Good Hope, Winston County, evangelist; Ivan Reynolds and Carolyn Anthony, leading the music; W. A. McPheeters, pastor.

Pine Level, Leakeville: June 26-29; regular Sunday services with the weekday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Anis Shorosh of Mobile, Ala., evangelist; Ronnie Cottingham, Lucedale, music evangelist; David MacIsaac, pastor.

Sardis Baptist Church (Smith): June 19-24; pastor, James K. Burke, evangelist; Pete Ainsworth, church music director, to direct the music; Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.

Colia Baptist Church, Colia: June 5-10; each night at 8; homecoming was held June 5, with lunch served at the church and C. C. Burns of Forest as guest speaker; Billy Blakely, pastor.

Ora Baptist Church, Collins: June 12-17; at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sun.; 7:30 week nights; Walton Douglas, pastor, Bethlehem Church, Jones County, evangelist; Wilmer Holfield, Taylorsville, music director; Jerry Slonaker, pastor.

Homecomings

Bond Baptist Church, Bond: homecoming; June 26; Ellis Jones, former pastor, guest speaker in the 11 a.m. service; dinner on the grounds; a service of testimony and song featuring the Marie Family of Wiggins, at 1:30 p.m.; Ervne Jarrell, chairman, homecoming committee.

Providence, Tiptonville (Tippah): homecoming; June 12; Sunday School at 10 a.m.; message at 11 a.m. by Don Wilson, new pastor; dinner on the ground; singing in the afternoon.

Rehobeth, north of Pelahatchie (Rankin): June 12; regular morning service; lunch at the church at noon; afternoon song service; Rick Hammarstrom, pastor.

Shubuta (Clarke): June 12; James T. Bryant, former pastor, to preach the 11 a.m. message; lunch to be served in the U. C. Wells Annex.

Linn Baptist Church: June 19, homecoming; Mrs. Lady Burrell Day, Dale Wilson, FBC, Moss, speaking at the 11 a.m. service; a local group, "The Travis Cooper Group," to sing in the afternoon; Sonny Redwine, pastor.

Uniform

Jethro: wise adviser

By John G. Armistead, pastor
Calvary, Tupelo
Exodus 18:1-24

Moses was a great man of God, but he was not a superhero. He could and did attempt to do some things the hard way and he did need the helpful advice of others in order to accomplish the job God had given him to do. Last week we saw how he needed the help of his brother Aaron. In this passage we see how he benefited from the help of his father-in-law, Jethro.

When Moses fled Egypt after killing the Egyptian, he came to the "land of Midian" (Exodus 2:15). This was the area of the Syro-Arabian desert on the eastern shore of the Gulf of Aquabah where the nomadic Midianites lived. The Midianites were descendants of Abraham and thus kin to the Hebrews. These were a desert people who two hundred years later were the first to make use of the newly domesticated camel. Their swift raids into Palestine would then cause a great hardship to the Hebrews (cf., Judges 6-7).

Moses attached himself to a Kenite clan of the Midianites which was led by a man named Jethro. Jethro was a "priest of Midian," and Moses married his daughter Zipporah. Jethro was also called Reuel ("friend of God"). Undoubtedly he was a worshipper of the true God as were several other non-Hebrews (cf., Melchizedek, Gen. 14:18-20). For the next forty years Moses worked for Jethro as a shepherd.

After his encounter at Mt. Sinai with God, Moses took his leave of Jethro and returned to Egypt (Exodus 3:1). There God would so demonstrate his awesome power that Pharaoh would allow the Hebrews to leave with Moses. Moses brought the people into the wilderness he knew so well and was approaching Mt. Sinai. They had already suffered many hardships. The people must have seemed one great disorganized mass ready to scatter at any moment. Moses needed help. It was then God brought Jethro back into his life.

I. Jethro's reunion with Moses (Exodus 18:1-8)

The rumors had spread swiftly among the desert people about the Hebrews' escape from Egypt. Jethro had heard that the throng was nearing Mt. Sinai and set out to meet Moses. Apparently Jethro had been keeping Moses' wife Zipporah and his two sons, Gershom and Eliezer, while Moses was in Egypt. Now Jethro brought Moses' family with him to the Hebrew

John Earle Dent, Jr., native of Charleston, S.C., has accepted the position of professor in the Department of Religion at Clarke College. Dent will begin his work in August. Dent is a graduate of Baptist College at Charleston. He holds the master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary, where he is a doctorate of theology candidate in New Testament and Greek. He has served as pastor at Roseland Baptist Church, Roseland, La., and is chaplain in the Air Force Reserve.

Mr. and Mrs. Paige Cothren, native Mississippians now with Directive Counseling Center, Broadway Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., recently conducted a family life conference for the Attala Baptist Association, W. Leven Moore, director of missions.

Thirty-four students, faculty and staff members at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., were given awards and recognitions during the institution's fifth annual Awards Chapel. Those from Mississippi showing "outstanding merit and accomplishment" were Jamie Cox, Raleigh, and Donald Dent, Holly Springs.

A Georgia native has been named director of college relations at New Orleans Seminary. John Frank Jr. of Macon will serve as a liaison between the seminary and college and university students considering theological training. He will assist the registrar, Bart Neal, in recruiting prospective students. Gibson is a second year master of divinity student at the seminary. The Mississippi College graduate has served as minister of youth at Southside Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, and at First Baptist Church, Greenwood, Miss. He was interim pastor at First Baptist Church, Tchula, Miss.

The second semester graduation service for Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., was held Friday, May 20, 1967, at First Baptist Church of Dothan, Ala. Peter Rhea Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., addressed the graduating class of 45 men and women. Mississippians receiving degrees were Larry Darden, Escatawpa, diploma in theology; Joseph Loving, Florence, bachelor of ministry degree in Biblical studies; and Jimmy Willey, Mathiston, bachelor of ministry degree in Biblical studies.

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Life and Work

A man resisting God

By Beverly V. Tinnin, pastor,
First, Meridian
Jonah 1:1-5, 8-10, 14-15

The book of Jonah is in the Old Testament to teach the love of God for the whole human race. No other book is more explicit in teaching God's concern for all people.

Other books of prophecy are made up of the messages with only brief narrative material. The book of Jonah is almost entirely biographical. Space is not spared in telling his story. None of his sermons are included with the exception of the few verses which record his warning to Nineveh.

Only the fact that his story was included in the sacred canon gives us a clue that he never came around to seeing from God's perspective. It is never explicit that he was a willing participant in God's work of human redemption among the gentile nations.

Many critics have felt the book of Jonah was allegorical; that Jonah was not a historical figure. The fact that Jesus referred to him as a real figure from the past should put this idea to rest. He was as truly a mortal man used by God as Ezekiel, Isaiah, or Jeremiah.

Jonah spurns God's command (1:1-3)

Jonah means "dove," which is the symbol of "peace." His life was anything but peaceful. "Amitai" means "faithfulness." At the first he seemed anything but faithful.

Nineveh was the capital of the world empire Assyria. The fall of the ten northern tribes in 721 B.C. to the Assyrian empire was the equal of Hitler's sadism in his murder of six million Jews. Whole villages were crucified. So complete was the destruction that the northern kingdom is referred to as the "ten lost tribes." No trace in history remained of this despoiled kingdom after the Assyrians sacked it.

Undoubtedly, friends and kinsmen of Jonah died in the holocaust. He was adamant about not obeying God and going to preach to the capital of the murderous nation. Instead he went to Joppa where the modern city of Tel Aviv is located and boarded a ship bound for Europe. Nineveh lay due east. Jonah sailed west in exactly the opposite direction God commanded him to go.

The storm at sea (Vv. 4,5)

As soon as the ship sailed out on the sea the Lord "threw" a storm at it. As a boy selects a flat rock and sends it skipping across a pond, God sailed a storm directly in the path of the little boat carrying Jonah. The little ship was not built to withstand such a pow-

erful tempest.

The sailors were petrified with fear and began to cry to their heathen gods for deliverance. Jonah was many things but he was no coward. He lay in the hold of the ship sleeping through the storm.

Jonah accepts the blame for the storm (Vv. 8-10)

When the storm continued in velocity, the mariners searched out Jonah and awakened him. Feeling he may in some way be responsible for their predicament they began to interrogate him. In response to their questions he told them he was a Hebrew who worshipped the God of heaven who made the land and the sea. Furthermore, he admitted he was running away from God. They fell back in terror screaming, "That's an awful thing to do."

His courage, but foolishness, was apparent when he counseled the men to throw him into the sea to placate the anger of God. He would rather die than obey God and preach to the people he so hated.

The correct antidote (Vv. 14,15)

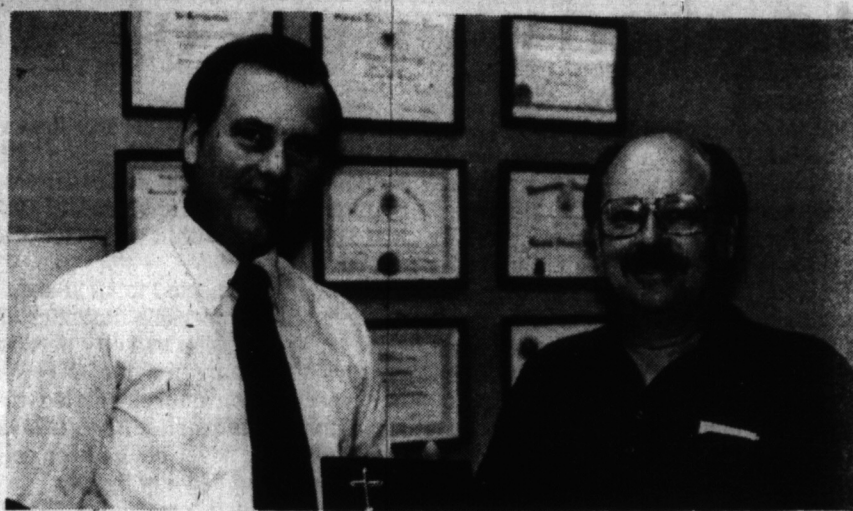
The sailors began to cry out to God at first not to destroy the innocent with the guilty. The storm continued and it became apparent to them drastic measures were necessary.

The sailors then took the renegade prophet and tossed him overboard into the churning sea. To their great relief the sea became calm immediately. We can imagine that they were convinced of the power of the Lord by the astonishing miracle. Perhaps they called upon him in their prayers as the people of Nineveh did later when Jonah preached to them. God had used the testimony of the prophet on the deck of the storm tossed ship to convert the sailors aboard.

The saga of the reluctant prophet will be continued next week.

Mrs. Mildred N. McAtee, mother of James E. McAtee, missionary to Indonesia, passed away April 28 in Jackson, Miss. He may be addressed at Kotak Pos 1, Kediri, Jatim, Indonesia. He and his wife, the former Carolyn Mahaffey, are natives of Jackson, Miss.

Glenn and Polly Morris, missionaries to Thailand, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 1300 West Capitol St., Jackson, Miss. 39207). He is a native of Atlanta, Ga., and she is the former Polly Love of Hattiesburg, Miss.



Sid Taylor (on the right) has received an award of appreciation from Adrian Wright, left, Superintendent of the Jackson County Adult Detention Center. Taylor was cited for his chaplaincy work at the detention facility, where he is official Protestant chaplain, working on a volunteer basis. Taylor baptized six inmates at the jail last year and has baptized five so far this year. The baptistry is a large metal livestock watering trough. Taylor also ministers at several other jails and also at Parchman. He is Director of Prison Evangelism Outreach, a jail and prison ministry organization that ministers to inmates and their families. His ultimate goal, he said, is to see a dynamic jail ministry in place at every county jail in Mississippi. Taylor was ordained Jan. 9 of this year. He is a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Jackson County.

Gary N. Nichols, minister of education and visitation at First Baptist Church, Long Beach, Miss., has been elected associate in the Church Training department, Florida Baptist Convention. Nichols is a native of Newton, Miss., and a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. He previously served as minister of education of Tylertown Baptist Church, Tylertown, Miss., and Five Points Baptist Church, Northport, Ala., and has served part-time education and music positions with churches in New Orleans, La., and Magee, Miss. He was an approved Church Training worker for both Alabama and Mississippi Baptist conventions.

E. Y. Solleau died on May 10 in Ville Platte, La. For many years he was pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church, Pearl River County, Miss., and of Calvary Baptist Church, Marion County. Before retirement, he served pastorate for a number of years in California. Mrs. Solleau survives him. She lives at 225 Scenic Drive, Ville Platte, La. 70566.

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Wilbur Walters, pastor of West Salem Baptist Church, Richton, has this month received two degrees from International Bible Institute and Seminary, Orlando, Fla., a Doctor of Philosophy degree and an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.



CHARLES R. DAVIS (left), of Collinsville, is congratulated by Joe H. Cothren, vice president for academic affairs at New Orleans Seminary, for his selection as the Outstanding Student in the Associate of Divinity program for the 1962-63 academic year. Also Davis was presented the five-volume ZONDERVAN PICTORIAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE BIBLE at a special Awards Day ceremony May 17. This was furnished by Zondervan Press. Davis is the pastor of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Collinsville.

David Blackwell, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Pontotoc County, was ordained to the ministry May 22.

Edward Bagwell and Dee Flaherty were ordained as deacons June 5 at Springville Church, Pontotoc County, pastor, Rex Ard.

Bible Book

Elijah vs. Baal worship

By Joe H. Tuten, pastor,
Calvary, Jackson
I Kings 17:1-18:46

Ahab was Israel's seventh king in a period of approximately 62 years, an average of less than nine years of rule by each one. Judah had only three kings during that time. Ahab "did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah above all that were before him" (I Kings 16:30). His two major sins were that he walked "in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat" and "took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Eth-baal king of the Sidonians" (I Kings 16:31).

Tyre and Sidon, located in what is now southern Lebanon, were centers of Baal worship. Notice that "baal" constituted a part of the name of the king of Sidon, Jezebel's father. Ahab actually worshipped Baal. Furthermore, he built a sanctuary and altar to Baal in Samaria, the capital of his kingdom. Jezebel had a missionary zeal for Baal worship, and Ahab encouraged the expansion of Baal worship with the resources of his government. Under Ahab, with Jezebel's aggressiveness, Baal worship virtually became the state religion in Israel.

Why was Baal worship consistently and strongly condemned by prophets and biblical writers? First, there is only one true and living God, and his name is Jehovah. Baal was a false god, who existed only in the imaginations of people. Second, Jehovah is the Creator, and he is the one who sustains all life. Baal, in the imaginations of the worshippers, was the fertility god. They gave Baal credit for what Jehovah was doing in sustaining life. Third, the fertility worship led to the practice of religious prostitution. Fourth, Baal worship embodied no moral and ethical standards. Consequently, it could lead only to an ever increasing degeneracy in human life. It had absolutely no upward pull on human life, as do the Jewish and Christian religions, only a downward pull morally and ethically. Fifth, the children of Israel had entered into a covenant with Jehovah, and Baal worship was a decisive disavowal of the covenant. The prophets condemned it. They knew Baal worship literally would destroy Israel. It did.

Elijah and the drought (I Kings 17:1-24). As God's miracles in the plagues in the days of Moses each struck at the pagan religion of Egypt, so the drought in the days of Elijah struck at the heart of pagan Baal worship. The so-called fertility god did not bring forth many fertile crops during the absence of rain. The drought was

pronounced by Elijah, a prophet of Jehovah, and it was pronounced in the presence of Ahab (I Kings 17:1). Actually, Elijah was making an effort to bring Ahab to a point of faith in Jehovah. God made three definite attempts to arouse faith in Ahab, namely, the drought, the contest at Carmel and the defeat of Ben-Hadad.

Elijah demands an audience with Ahab (I Kings 18:1-16). The drought which Elijah had announced had lasted three years. Life in the land had become hard. Vegetation had dried. The animals were dying. Ahab had searched for Elijah, the "troubler of Israel" (I Kings 18:17), even in other countries. Jezebel had killed many of the prophets of Jehovah (I Kings 18:13). People were fearful. Times were tense. It is no wonder that Elijah had much difficulty convincing Obadiah that he wanted an audience with Ahab.

The battle on Mount Carmel (I Kings 18:17-46). The prophets of Baal were allowed to "eat at Jezebel's table" (I Kings 18:19). Thus, pagan Baal worship was subsidized by the government of Israel. The very name "Israel" had been given to Jacob when he wrestled with God in prayer. The meaning of the name was "prince with God," indicating that Jacob had prevailed in prayer. Now, Elijah, the only active prophet in the whole land of Israel, faced four hundred and fifty of Baal's prophets, and he, too, prevailed in prayer as did Jacob (I Kings 18:36-37). It was a simple prayer, marked by genuine reverence and clear faith. God answered in an awesome and glorious demonstration of his living presence (I Kings 18:38). Baal gave neither sound nor movement, even through 450 of his devotees pleaded for hours, because he did not exist. Ahab was there and witnessed the contest. Furthermore, Elijah announced to Ahab that the prolonged drought was over.

Ahab hurried to Jezreel ahead of a torrential rain. Elijah was ecstatic. He knew that the mocking defeat of the prophets of Baal and the wonderful rain after the prolonged drought surely had won Ahab to faith in Jehovah. He was so hopeful that he outran Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel. Alas, he was mistaken! What looked like a promising revival turned out to have no results. Elijah's discouragement would drive him to the juniper tree and a request for God to let him die.

Creation is not more complex than we think it is. It is more complex than we can think!